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APPARATUS FOR COMPARING EDGES
BETWEEN IMAGES

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Dear Sir:

On behalf of the patentee, Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd., please enter the following citations into the prosecution history of the above-identified patent. Copies of the cited references are attached.

1. M. BICHSEL, "Strategies of robust object recognition for the automatic identification of human faces", Ph.D. Dissertation Nr. 9467, 1991, Zurich, Switzerland, XP008060289;

2. W. FREEMAN and M. ROTH, "Orientation histograms for hand gesture recognition", Report TR-94-03a, Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratories, Dec. 1994, (also published in IEEE Intl. Workshop on Automatic Face and Gesture Recognition, Zurich, June 1995), XP007900112; and

3. A. ROSENFELD, "Picture processing by computer", Academic Press, 1969, pp. 71-84.

The references were cited in the attached Communication pursuant to Article 94(3) EPC dated December 19, 2007 for a corresponding European Application mailed after payment of the issue fee for the present application.

Timely and favorable consideration of this request is respectfully requested. It is believed that no fee is required for this request; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency of up to \$300.00 to Deposit Account No. 04-0100. If the Examiner has any questions in regard to this request, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number given below.

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